

An act relating to public postsecondary education, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that school districts, community college districts, the California State University, and the University of California coordinate their efforts to provide instruction in basic skills in an efficient and effective way.

(b) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall solicit applications from community college districts seeking funding for plans to provide instruction in basic skills to students enrolled, or who will enroll, at California State University campuses. As used in this section, “chancellor” means the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

(c) A community college district that chooses to apply for a grant under this section shall include the following components of its plan in its application:

(1) A list of the community colleges that will provide instruction to focus on students enrolled, or who will enroll, at California State University campuses.

(2) A list of the California State University campuses that will direct students to instruction at community colleges.

(3) A narrative explaining the strategy for directing students to instruction at community colleges and integrating this instruction with programs at California State University campuses.

(4) A letter from each of the presidents of the California State University campuses listed in the application pursuant to paragraph (2) indicating support for the plan and identifying the fiscal impact for his or her particular campus.

(5) A narrative describing any effective evidence-based instructional strategies and practices the community colleges have implemented for the delivery of basic skills instruction and any efforts the community colleges have made to incorporate effective evidence-based instructional strategies and practices within the delivery of their basic skills instruction.

(d) (1) The chancellor shall award grants of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each to four of the applicant community college districts.

(2) The grants shall be awarded based on the projected success of the applicant districts in maximizing the following factors, which are listed below in order of priority:

(A) The number of students enrolled, or who will enroll, at California State University campuses and who would benefit from access to instruction in basic skills at the community colleges participating in the plan.

(B) The number of California State University campuses participating in the plan.

(C) The number of community college campuses participating in the plan.

(D) The likelihood that the plan would be implemented effectively.

(E) The use of effective evidence-based instructional strategies and practices the community colleges have implemented for the delivery of basic skills instruction.

(e) (1) Upon awarding the grants, the chancellor shall allocate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of the grant funds to each community college district selected for a grant.

(2) The chancellor shall release the remainder of a grant amount only after the community college district has submitted records demonstrating that students enrolled,

or planning to enroll, at California State University campuses have accessed instruction in basic skills at the community colleges pursuant to the plan. Notwithstanding this reporting condition, the chancellor shall release any amount of a grant that remains as of May 1, 2018, to the community college district by June 30, 2018.

(f) As a condition of receiving a grant pursuant to this section, a community college district shall provide all of the following information to the chancellor by February 1, 2017:

(1) The number of students that were provided, or are being provided, instruction by community colleges pursuant to the adopted plan.

(2) The number of students who successfully completed basic skills instruction at the community colleges.

(3) The number of students provided instruction at the community colleges that subsequently enrolled at a California State University campus.

(4) A qualitative description of the local successes or challenges that community colleges encountered when partnering with California State University campuses to provide instruction in basic skills to students enrolled, or who will enroll, at those campuses.

(g) No later than April 1, 2017, the chancellor shall analyze the information provided under subdivision (f), and report to the Legislature, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Department of Finance on the effectiveness of the plans in delivering instruction in basic skills to students enrolled, or who will enroll, at California State University campuses. This report shall also include a report on the costs avoided by the California State University, and recommendations on expanded use of community

colleges to deliver basic skills instruction to California State University students. A report to the Legislature pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(h) The attendance of students enrolled in a basic skills course pursuant to this section may be reported by a community college district for apportionment purposes.

(i) The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the chancellor for allocation to community college districts to establish a basic skills partnership program at four community college campuses in accordance with this section.

(j) For the purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by subdivision (i) shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated for community college districts,” as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2014–15 fiscal year, and included within the “total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2014–15 fiscal year.

SEC. 2. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Public postsecondary education: Community Colleges Basic Skills Partnership Pilot Program.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Under existing law, the board of governors appoints a Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to serve as the chief executive officer of the segment.

This bill would require the chancellor to solicit, from community college districts that choose to apply for a grant under this bill, applications seeking funding for plans to provide instruction in basic skills to students enrolled, or who will enroll at, California State University campuses. The bill would specify information that would be included in these applications.

The bill would require the chancellor to award grants of \$500,000 each to 4 of the applicant community college districts in accordance with specified criteria. The bill would require, no later than April 1, 2017, that, based on specified data provided by the districts that received the grants, the chancellor report to the Legislature, the

Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Department of Finance on the effectiveness of the plans in delivering instruction in basic skills to the targeted students.

The bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the chancellor for allocation to community college districts under the bill. Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.